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AKAKA, LYNCH INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS TO HONOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Public Service Recognition Week set for May 3-9

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) and Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA) today introduced companion resolutions to honor public servants.

These resolutions honor the contributions of Federal, State, and local government employees during Public Service Recognition Week, set for May 3rd through 9th this year. Events, awards, and other activities will be held throughout the country during this week to recognize public servants.

The resolutions were cosponsored by Senators George Voinovich (R-OH), Joseph Lieberman (ID-CT), Susan Collins (R-ME), Carl Levin (D-MI), Tom Carper (D-DE), Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Roland Burris (D-IL), and Edward E. Kaufman (D-DE), and Representatives

Edolphus Towns (D-NY), Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), Danny Davis (D-IL), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Jim Moran (D-VA), and Gerald Connolly (D-VA).

Senator Akaka said: "As a former teacher and a life-long public servant, I am proud to help pay tribute to government employees by highlighting Public Service Recognition Week. The many domestic and global challenges we face make this a critical time for our Nation.

Our way of life - and the strength of our country – would not exist without the work of public employees.

It is important that we honor the invaluable service of public servants throughout the year."

Congressman Lynch said: "I believe it is highly appropriate to take a moment each year to fully appreciate the extraordinary deeds that are performed daily by our public employees. There is no better way to inspire young people across this country to public service than by highlighting its diversity of professions and by honoring those individuals who have chosen to better their government."

This is the 26th year our public servants have been honored with Public Service Recognition Week during the first full week of May. This year, participants in events will highlight the groundbreaking work being done in government and provide opportunities for the public to gain a deeper understanding of the work of government employees.

Senator Akaka is the Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Congressman Lynch is the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, the Postal Service, and the District of Columbia of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

For more information on Public Service Recognition Week, please visit the Partnership for Public Service online at: <http://www.ourpublicservice.org/OPS/programs/psrw/>